

MINUTES
CLAY COUNTY SOLID WASTE ADVISORY COMMITTEE
8:00 A.M. THURSDAY, MARCH 22, 2018
ROOM B, 3RD FLOOR, CLAY COUNTY COURHOUSE

Members Present: Kevin Campbell, Grant Weyland, DiAnn Streifel, Roger Richman, Everett Nelson, Wayne Lepper, Russ McDougall, Russ Colson, Sara Watson Curry, Chuck Hendrickson

Members Absent: Joe Pederson, Russ Colson

Others Present: Kirk Rosenberger, Shannon Thompson, Julie Kennedy, Larry Henry, Laura Wessberg, Brian Berg, Matt Evans, Marlon Mackowick, Steve Moore, Todd Bratlien, Mary Aldrich, Jen Pickett, Paul Kalibabky, Maggie Gruber, Dave Olek, Kathy Ihle

Commissioner Kevin Campbell called the meeting to order at 8:00 a.m., and initiated introductions.

On motion by Roger Richman, seconded by Russ McDougall, and unanimously carried, the Committee approved the meeting agenda.

On motion by Everett Nelson, seconded by Chuck Hendrickson, and unanimously carried, the Committee approved the minutes February 22, 2018.

LANDFILL BALING – MATT EVANS

Matt Evans of Burns & McDonnell, presented an overview of what is needed to bale landfill waste. Costs associated with a baling operation include a building, baler, additional staff, and equipment to move bales from the baling facility. The equipment requires heavy maintenance. A facility would cost \$2-\$4 million to build. Operational maintenance would be \$1 million/yearly. Other costs involved are maintaining additional pieces of equipment.

PLASTIC BAGS – LAURA WESSBERG

Laura Wessberg announced MSUM (Minnesota State University-Moorhead) SSA (Sustainable Students Association) collected 574 pounds of plastic during a recent recycling challenge sponsored by Trex Company, Inc., a leading recycling materials manufacturer. The goal was to collect 500 pounds to receive a free bench made of recycled plastic.

The Fargo-Moorhead Plastic Bag Taskforce recently raised public awareness about the drop off sites at different stores and created a mascot to put near the plastic bag recycling bins. They will film a video addressing the problem of plastic bags, and the lifecycle of plastic bags.

RECYCLING UPDATE – SHANNON THOMPSON

Shannon Thompson passed out copies of the Moorhead Community Education catalog that described the upcoming Master Recycler Composter class and schedule being offered to the public. Speakers have been scheduled for the six-week course.

Thompson reported she has been scheduling the hours for collections during spring cleanup week in Barnesville and Hawley. Thompson has visited with Newman Sign Company to rent billboard sites to advertise upcoming Earth Week activities and the T-shirt contest.

HOUSEHOLD HAZARDOUS WASTE – JULIE KENNEDY

Julie Kennedy reports things are going well at the HHW site. Kennedy has been working on the cleanup week schedule and the SCORE report. Kennedy said she is preparing an application for VSQG (Very Small Quantity Generator) to add to the HHW (Household Hazardous Waste) by researching other counties, what they are doing, the costs, benefits, etc., for the meeting with the state next week.

LANDFILL UPDATE – LARRY HENRY

Larry Henry reported on summer projects at the landfill which include planting 200 trees on the north border of the landfill with matching monies from Soil and Water Conservation. A concrete project is planned this summer between the scale and the building.

Henry said he would like the council members to discuss the subject of mattresses. The mattresses don't compact and get wrapped around the wheels of the compactor, causing many problems. Henry would like to transport the mattresses to a recycling center in the Cities a few times a year.

PERHAM UPDATE – KEVIN CAMPBELL

Kevin Campbell reports construction on the new Perham burner is going well and hope to have it running in April. They are confident the long-term problems will be fixed and hope it will generate another 5000 pounds of steam.

SOLID WASTE UPDATE – KIRK ROSENBERGER

Kirk Rosenberger reports he attended the Clay County Township Association meeting in Dilworth where all the county departments gave a report. There were a series of legislative meetings last month and he is optimistic about getting funding for the transfer station. Rosenberger said he received two responses to the RFP (Request for Proposal) for the single-sort MRF and waiting for information for clarification from the proposers.

Russ McDougall moved to adjourn at 9 a.m.